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Editor's Notice.  
During my temporary absence from the Kingdom, the HAWAIIAN GAZETTE will be carried on by Mr. C. M. Macdonnell and Mr. Robert Grieve, who are fully authorized by me to transact the business of the office.  
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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12, 1878.  
SATURDAY, 16th, being the anniversary of the birth of His Majesty, will be observed as a public holiday throughout the Kingdom. A Royal Salute, in honor of the occasion, will be fired from Puncchowl Battery at noon.  
His R. H. the Princess Liliuokalani returned to Honolulu, Sunday morning last, on the steamer Liliuokalani, after a short absence to the Windward Islands.  
Municipal Government.  
We think no valid reason can be given against the establishment of a city corporation for Honolulu. Why the capital of the Kingdom should have been so long without its municipal government has often been a matter of surprise to us. In the United States it is scarcely possible to find a town numbering so many inhabitants as Honolulu without its Mayor and town councilors. There is no form of city government has been found to work so successfully, and none so satisfactory to the people. In the Australian colonies, we understand, this method of government is even more universally adopted than in the States. There, we are credibly informed, every country village of a thousand or more inhabitants has its own government, and many with not more than half that population. And so satisfactory has it hitherto been in its operations and results that the people seek rather to extend than curtail its powers. Now, we feel to see anything peculiar either in the condition or requirements of the Hawaiian capital to render municipal government here less desirable, or less satisfactory in its results, than in other countries. The importance of Honolulu is not to be estimated by the extent of its boundaries or the number of its inhabitants; it is the capital of the Kingdom and the seat of the entire trade and commerce of the whole group of islands. Besides, it acquires additional importance from the fact of its being the rendezvous of whale-ships and war vessels, and the half-way resting place of the Australian mail steamers. And until it is regulated and controlled by an active and intelligent municipal government, we are of opinion that it will never exhibit the orderly appearance or be subjected to the strict sanitary discipline which its position and importance demand. By the establishment of such a government everybody would be benefited and every interest served, and no one injured. Indeed, we are satisfied that any action should be so indifferent to the city's advancement as to oppose such a measure. Those who object on the ground of costliness occupy an untenable position. Be it understood, we do not plead for a salaried corporation; in fact, would contend strongly against it. Surely it is not hard, in a community like this, to find a half dozen patriotic and intelligent gentlemen, who would readily and cheerfully give a little time and attention to the city for the good, without fee or reward. We can not, and will not, believe that the souls of Honolulu citizens are so miserably shrouded into dollars and cents as to be devoid of active concern for the general well-being of the community. No doubt, fit and proper men would be forthcoming, who would consider the honor of serving efficient compensation for their services. The city would be divided into wards—say four—each ward electing one or two representatives; the mayor, or chairman of the council, being elected by the whole municipality. The clerk—a salaried officer—would be appointed by the council. He should be competent to discharge the combined duties of secretary, inspector and general supervisor—in short, would be the only executive officer required. The mayor and councilors should be elected annually, but the executive officer should be a standing appointment. As to the functions of municipal government, they embrace lighting the city, making streets and side-walks, keeping streets and side-walks in repair, abating nuisances, &c. Who will deny that our city needs light, that our streets and side-paths ought to be bettered, that nuisances abound? None! Then let none be hostile to the remedy we have indicated.  
New Blood.  
We do not endorse the belief, so often avowed, that the Hawaiian race is deteriorated stock, needing the infusion of new blood in order to restore vitality and perpetuate the race. Not to object to the introduction of new blood. On the contrary, we believe it would be fraught with incalculable good. We are not oblivious of the fact that the most enterprising and courageous as well as most ingenious and clear-headed race of modern times—the Anglo-Saxons—represents a mixture of bloods, to which fact its superiority is probably due. But when we go so far as to assert that the aboriginal inhabitants of this archipelago have so deplorably degenerated in the quality of their blood that there is no hope of their survival without intermixture with some cognate race, they look at the subject with justified eyes, and somewhat stretch the simple truth. What sound reason can be assigned, or what clear argument advanced, in support of this degenerated-blood theory? We know of none, and certainly have heard none adduced by the advocates of the theory. Hawaiians are not an effeminate, weak-bodied, sickly people, destitute of vital and nervous force, continually ailing and suffering. The truth is just the opposite; they are a muscular, powerful-bodied people, comparing favorably with any other race, whether civilized or savage; this is true of both sexes. Their muscular tissues may be softer, and therefore less capable of long-continued tension than those of the hardy white man; but that is fully accounted for by the soft, watery nature of the food on which they subsist. Let Hawaiians, from childhood to maturity, adopt the substantial diet of the foreigner, and we venture the opinion they will rival him in physical endurance. In support of this view we have the testimony of whaling captains, who say the native sailors endure the colds and hardships, and perform the laborious manual exercises of an arctic whaling expedition as successfully as their

white companions. The fact that sickens have a fatal termination with such a large proportion of young, robust natives, we do not consider proof of degenerate blood. To any thoughtful mind, acquainted with the native habits of life, the cause of a majority of these premature deaths are palpable. To say nothing of the mischievous effects of superstitious, which are not apparent in numerous instances, not one Hawaiian in a hundred ever takes any care of his body beyond feeding and clothing it; neither does he know how to do so. If he is sick he will swallow medicine, and rely upon it for restoration to health, without paying the slightest attention to hygienic requirements. If he feels cold he will close every door and window of his house, exclude every breath of pure air, and roll himself up in his blanket until he is almost suffocated with his own poisonous emanations. If feverish, he will sleep on the damp earth in the open air, or between two doors, where he can get the strongest current of wind. Adults who are thus negligent of themselves can scarcely be expected to bestow any better care on their children; neither do they. Not from lack of natural affection or parental solicitude, but merely lack of knowledge. We cannot rid ourselves of the conviction that a large proportion of the native deaths are preventable, and that the intelligent care taken by foreigners of their sick if applied by Hawaiians to their sick would produce the same favorable result. We are strengthened in this conviction by the fact that so few fatal cases of illness occur in the various boarding schools of the Kingdom. Among the inmates of these establishments deaths are exceedingly rare. Two or three months ago a regular fever epidemic, which prostrated about thirty boys. Many of these cases were of an extremely serious nature, and of several weeks duration; yet one only terminated fatally. In the immediate neighborhood of the school, we were informed, quite a number of children were similarly afflicted, a high percentage of whom succumbed to death after a short illness. Why such a marked difference between the afflicted in the school and those outside? Simply this: while the former received correct medical treatment, seconded by careful and diligent nursing, the latter had neither one nor the other. Hawaiians do not take proper care of their sick, and until they learn to do so the high percentage of preventable deaths will continue. But the moment that inaugurates improved attention to the afflicted will mark a diminution of the death-rate. Once educate the Hawaiian people to an intelligent obedience of health-laws and the occasion to plead for the infusion of new blood will no longer exist.  
LETTER FROM NEW YORK.  
Special correspondence of the Gazette.  
New York, Oct. 15, 1878.  
People are still talking about the latest instance of that criminal carelessness which so often leads to appalling catastrophes. The steamer Adelphi with two hundred passengers on board, while on the passage from New York, Connecticut, to this city blew up. Twelve persons were killed on-board, and many more dangerously injured. The boiler, as was proved at the inquest, was rotten and utterly unfit for use, yet it had been inspected a short time previous to the "accident" and pronounced all right.  
It is asserted that the same official who examined the boiler of the Adelphi, also certified that of the steamer Merganser, which likewise blew up not long after the examination. There is evidently something "rotten" in the way these boiler certificates are obtained, as well as in the boilers themselves.  
Of course there is the usual newspaper talk, and the customary expressions of indignation; the inspector will probably be inspected and as probably "whitewashed" the subject will then drop, and folks will fold their hands and wait calmly for the next murderous demonstration of official incompetence.  
The greed of gold is the cancer worm of society, and is the immediate cause of that moral rotteness which pervades all ranks and classes. Bank president, or bar keeper; Member of Congress, or pot house politician; supervisor of elections, or inspector of boilers; it is all the same, in every grade may be found examples of the almost universal unscrupled cupidity, and the proposition that "every man has his price" seems to be as true as it is discouraging.  
Our "railroads on stilts" are creating considerable dissatisfaction, and they exemplify once more the truth of the theory that the human being is a creature of many grievances, and a victim of chronic discontent. When we had only the horse-car we sighed for the long promised "rapid transit," and now that we have got it we growl worse than ever.  
We are disgusted with the fitting up of the cars, we criticize the shape and size of the engines, we laugh at the little pagoda-shaped stations, and we swear at the crowds which at certain hours of the day make travel by the new means as disagreeable as by the old. We have now three elevated steam railroads in operation, two of which will soon run the whole length of the island from the Battery to Harlem.  
The property-holders along Sixth Avenue have been trying to get the Metropolitan Railroad indicted as a nuisance, and in furtherance of that object they presented a petition signed by one hundred and fifty learned doctors stating that the noise caused all kinds of diseases from tooth-ache to delirium tremens; but the railroad men got two hundred equally learned doctors who gave it as their opinion that the noise had no evil effect whatever on patients, but that on the contrary some of them rather like it. The Grand Jury having heard the evidence pro and con presented the Metropolitan Railroad as a nuisance, and the presentment is to be laid before the Attorney General of the State.  
In the meantime and pending further developments the railroad people endeavor to keep things lively by blowing out an occasional locomotive cylinder head, or by incidentally killing a workman or two.  
The released Penitens Condon and Melony arrived here from England the week before last. They were taken off the steamer Merganser by a custom house cutter, and were received on landing by a detachment of Irish Nationalists. These men have certainly passed through some curious experiences, having been connected with that miserable Fenian fiasco at Manchester which almost every one remembers; then sentenced to death for murder, and when their case seemed hopeless (Condon's coffin in fact being prepared for him), the sentence of death was commuted to that of ten years hard labor, and now at the car-

request of the American government they have been restored to liberty upon the (to them not income) condition that they will reside outside of the United Kingdom. While a sentiment of pity for these misguided men seems natural, I for one am without that mental faculty which would enable me to look upon such as heroes.  
We have had a visit from an Australian team of cricketers. They played at Hoboken, against 18 American players, and though eventually the Australians won the victory they had to work as hard as they knew how to attain that result. In this country base ball is the national game, and but little attention is given to cricket, the way therefore that on the first day the wickets of the Australians went down before the magnificent bowling of the Americans was a caution to the visitors as well as a gratifying revelation to the friends of the home players. On the second day however the Australians braced up and proved themselves equal to the occasion, winning the match with five wickets to spare.  
There has been some excitement in sporting circles over the contest between the pedestrians O'Leary of Chicago and Hughes of New York, a contest which terminates, as foreseen by many, in an easy victory for O'Leary; he having made 441 miles in six days against 319 scored by Hughes. Hughes was Irish laborer who possesses such brute endurance and such much more than brute intelligence. His medium of mind became fired some time ago with the ambitious idea that he could beat the time of the champion O'Leary, and this is the second attempt. He has made it this direction. Stephen's first trial was made against O'Leary's time, when O'Leary himself was gathering laurels in England and he was announced to be the world's best pedestrian to "go leppin' round" and "hate that O'Leary or die on the track," however he did not. O'Leary's return to this country, to the friends and backers of the "lepper" again agitated the subject, and the match which has just ended was the result. Hughes has pluck, strength, and unlimited endurance, but he is a creature of nature, and not of training. O'Leary has endurance, pluck, intelligence and training; the outcome therefore of the contest between the two men is perfectly natural, and ought not to excite the least surprise.  
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